

REMARKS

Applicants' representative wishes to thank Examiner Lao for the courtesy extended during the personal interview conducted on September 10, 2004. A separate record of the substance of that interview is included in the remarks which follow. After entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 3-5, and 7-17 will remain in this application. Claims 2 and 6 were previously canceled. Entry of the Amendment and reconsideration of the application are requested.

Independent claims 1 and 9 are rejected, along with dependent claims 2, 3, 5-9, and 11-17, as anticipated by published European Patent Application 0 675 019 to Anerdi. These independent claims are also rejected, along with dependent claims 3-5, 7, 8, and 10-17, as unpatentable over the Anerdi publication in view of U.S. Patent 6,448,893 to Dobberkau et al. Reconsideration of these rejections is requested.

As amended above, claim 1 defines a display unit which is swivellable by 180° about a first point on a longitudinal axis proximate a viewing person position and a second point on the longitudinal axis distal the viewing person position for moving to a particularly specified operational position. Claim 9, which is directed to a vehicle dashboard assembly, includes essentially the same language. Referring by way of example only, without intending to limit the claims, to the figures of this application, a display unit 10 is shown as swivellable as defined about such first and second points 14B and 14A.

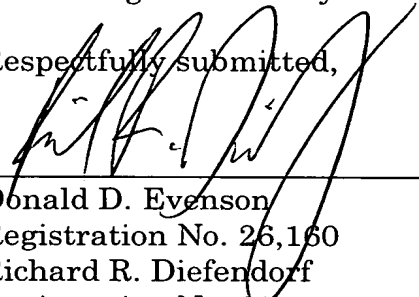
As noted during the interview, each embodiment of the Anerdi display pivots about a transverse axis 9 rather than in the manner specified by claims 1 and 9, while Figures 1 and 2 of the Dobberkau et al. patent show a display unit which pivots about either a vertical axis y (Figure 1) or a horizontal axis x (Figure 2), but not in the manner specified by claims 1 and 9. It was tentatively agreed during the interview that the amendments to claims 1 and 9 overcame the rejections set forth in the final rejection, and it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 9 as amended above are patentable. The rest of the claims in this application are dependent claims and are patentable as well.

For reasons discussed during the interview and reiterated above, this application will be in condition for allowance after entry of this Amendment. Entry of the Amendment and allowance of the application should be in order and are requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions after considering this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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